

ANECDOTES AND COMMENT ABOUT DIVERS SPORTING TOPICS

YOUNGER GOLFERS SEASON'S FEATURE

Mere Boys Winning Important Events.

HAROLD WILCOX CHAMPION

Youth of Eighteen Holds Metropolitan Honor—Travers Made Score Considered Good—Travis' Record.

NEW YORK, July 2.—The invasion of youthful golfers, which upset the West last season, has extended East, sure enough. In every event so far this season in the metropolitan district the schoolboy element has taken a leading part, and what is more has walked away with most of the prizes. Golfers just out of college, who it was supposed, could snap their fingers at almost any contestant, have been beaten over and over again by these players in pinfeathers, who were not expected to arrive for two or three years, at least.

Only a few weeks ago a well-known club ruled that if several boys wished to compete in a certain contest it must be as associates and not as regular members. It happened that one of these same boys won the chief prize. Then the members of the aforesaid club took early occasion to ask the victor if he would not deposit the trophy with their organization, having it so inscribed. He answered that he would not, as he had entered as a member of the club in his home town.

Partridge Steady Winner.

In looking backward two months, the most prominent of scholastic participants is Dwight Partridge, of the Bedford (New York) Club, who is hardly out of his teens. He has not won a title, it is true, but he has played with credit in every noteworthy tourney around New York, to which he was eligible since the season began. Less than a year ago he was obliged to leave St. Paul's School because of a lung weakness, and although he entered three or four fall tournaments, failed to attract much attention. In the spring, however, he took a big start, beginning by carrying off one of the lesser cups in the Lakewood tournament.

Partridge got the main trophy in the Tuxedo tournament, also the handicap cup and the gold medal for the best gross score in the handicap, while he came within two strokes of taking the medal for the lowest score in the qualifying round.

Wilcox Fortunate.

Harold Wilcox, who, although he is Metropolitan champion, blithely confesses to 18 years or so, also comes of golfing stock, his father, Paul Wilcox, of Montclair, being on every committee of the New Jersey Golf Association. While young Wilcox's elevation will for the present, at least, be attributed as much to the weakness of his competitors as to his strength, it cannot be reiterated too strongly that he ran a notable gamut at match play in Garden City. To defeat George T. Brooks, Archie Graham, R. C. Watson, Jr., Percy Tyne, second in succession could not be attributed to luck.

Jerome D. Travers, interscholastic champion and a member of the Nassau County Club, doubtless has in him the making of the most spectacular performer among those previously mentioned, due mainly to the tutelage of Alex Smith, the professional. Whether he will develop dependable qualities remains to be seen.

Equaled Travis.

Probably none of the younger crowd has equaled the medal showing he made during the match play of the interscholastic, when he negotiated the Nassau links in 74 strokes. Considering the changes in the course and the high wind, the mark was declared by good judges to be fully equal to Walter J. Travis' record of 71.

BASEBALL CHRONOLOGY FOR PRESENT SEASON

April 16, Murphy, H. Davis, and Lave Cross made four hits apiece off Townsend, Hartford scoring four runs.
Donahue fanned ten White Sox April 17.
April 18 Lajoie made two doubles and three singles off Wright and Morgan.
Conroy of New York made a single, a double, and a triple in three times at bat off Plank April 19.
April 21 Waddell struck out sixteen New Yorkers in twelve innings.
Hemphill made a double and four singles off Mullin April 22.
April 22 Seibach made the only hit off Chesbro.
April 25 Callahan made three sacrifice hits in one game.
Howell struck out Lajoie twice April 30.
Waddell let Boston down with one hit May 2.
Isbell had three put-outs and nine assists at second base May 2.
Ganzel made a home run, a double and two singles, in four times at bat, a total of eight bases, off Jacobson of Washington, May 4.
May 5 "Cy" Young shut out Philadelphia, not one of the latter team reaching first base.
May 6 Lave Cross made a triple, a double and three singles, a total of eight bases, off Patterson, in six times at bat.
Hoffman of Philadelphia made two home runs and two singles, a total of ten bases, off White and Walsh of Chicago, in six times at bat May 12.
May 14 Cleveland made eleven hits, with a total of twenty-five bases, off Powell, yet lost to New York.
May 15, although Philadelphia made eleven hits to St. Louis' four, St. Louis won, 4 to 2.
O'Neil made six errors at short out of eleven chances for Boston May 21.
May 26 St. Louis stole eight bases off McGuire, and New York stole four off Sugler.
Hedrick stole four alone.
May 27 Parent accepted fourteen out of fifteen chances.

Briggs, the new twirler obtained by Atlanta, is touted as a wonder by the home folks down to Columbia, Tenn., where he built from. He demanded \$10 per month, and got it, and that a passer o' money, you hear me shout.

Hermis Cost Only \$75 As Yearling Bargain

His Mother a Gift and Himself Unconsidered. Woodson Driven All Winter to Road Cart. Driving Makes Runners Tractable.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 2.—Much has been written of the early history of the mighty Hermis, the sensational victor in the Suburban Handicap of 1904, that has no foundation based on actual facts. An authentic account of his early days is therefore of unusual interest at the present time and of value for future reference whenever the name of the now ruling hero of the American turf is recalled.

Bred by Berry.

The mare was bred by Hiram Berry, a farmer, and ultimately reached the Spendthrift stud of O. H. Chenault. During a culling-out season at that place Chenault let his brother-in-law, the late Sterling McCann, have the mare for a nominal sum, along with several other young stud mares. He afterward let McCann breed the mare to imported Hermine, in the spring of 1898, and the latter year seeing the mare and her foal gave McCann \$100 for the outfit. McCann afterward gave McCracken \$25,000 as a commission for selling the mare, thus deriving \$175 for the wonderfully great brood-mare and one of the best race horses on "the globe at the present time."

Sold Three Times.

Hermis has since been sold three times, first for \$3,300, next for \$15,000, and finally for \$50,000. Put his dam even at a paltry \$100 in early value, this makes the late Suburban winner of 1904 a \$75 suckling. Katy of the West, now nine years old, has had but one foal to live since dropping Hermis, the two-year-old winner of last season, Tootsy Mack, being a half-sister to E. R. Thomas' great horse, she being a daughter of Sir Walter.

Katy of the West's dam, Perdita, by imported Prince Charlie, was out of Persia, and she in turn was out of Nora, by imported Sovereign, the latter mare producing the high-class horse of the early 80's, Grimaldi. Nora

CHANNEL SWIMMERS HAVE INDUCEMENT

English Paper Offers Handsome Prize to Athlete Who Next Accomplishes the Big Swim.

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The donor of the trophy is a local newspaper, and, while self-advertisement is naturally sought in the offer, it is nevertheless a praiseworthy enterprise as it offers an incentive for the cultivation of the art of swimming.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SPALDING CLUB

The A. G. Spalding Club Baseball League has adopted the league schedule for this season, and will publish in all Sunday papers the schedule for the following week, also the place where the games will be played. For the ensuing week the schedule is:

Tanglewood vs. Takoma, at Takoma, 10 o'clock Monday; Superior vs. Smithsonian, Tuesday; Brightwood vs. Iowa, Wednesday; Smithsonian vs. Takoma, Thursday; Tanglewood vs. Iowa, Friday; Brightwood vs. Superior, Saturday.

All games will be played at Twenty-fifth Street and Massachusetts Avenue except on Monday, unless otherwise stated in the daily papers.

THE MADDEST MAN.

You have heard of Roman emperors. Who, in their fits of fury, Sent the Christians to the lions with No stop for judge or jury? You have read of savage warriors who, When wrathful at some village, Would burn it to the very ground, Or give it up for pillage? You read how great Achilles Sat sulking in his tent, Until they killed his roommate, when In madness forth he went? But the anger of these people, These terrors of the past, Was as a tiny baby's wail, Or a zephyr to a blast, Compared with the wild rage of one Who hears the gorgeous din, Which tells him—when he's left the park—That the home team's on the win! Oh, anguish, agony, and grief! Oh, torture grim and great! When you have left the park and turn Back to the iron-barred gates! When you went, your club was losing—Just as you gain the street, You hear, terrific whooping, And the stamping of the feet! You hear a swelling uproar, And rattle in your heart! When you've left the park, supposing Your club's chance is one in ten, And you hear the roars of triumph, And you can't get in again!

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was a half-sister to Novice, the dam of the great race horse and successful stallion, Norfolk. Hermis is thus another star in the turf world of 1904, without any standing in Bruce-Lowe, he belonging to the brigade of which Irish Lads are all members, non-representatives of picture blood lines.

Woodson Driven to Cart.

Woodson, the son of Imp. St. George and Exclusion, by Imp. Rayon d'Or, which colt made such a bold bid for the American Derby this year, finishing far in front of the favorite English Lad, was driven all winter to a road cart in this city by "Doc" Dickerson, the well-known trotting horse driver, brother of Luther Dickerson, owner of the colt. The great colt is destined for the right harness horse trainer, whose proper name is Woodson Dickerson. The latter has always been a believer in driving exercise in the winter as being better for a race horse than a boy on his back continually, and Luther Dickerson agreed to let his brother take the colt and train him in his early work, and the son of Imp. St. George was not turned over to his owner until the season was well advanced.

This mode of training has one advantage, as a horse thus trained becomes well broken and is never a bad actor at the post. The horses Phil Chinn has raced so successfully at St. Louis this year were all broken to harness last winter, and did most of their early work between the shafts of a sulky.

A Case in Point.

In the winter of 1902, on the advice of Charles Marvin, T. C. McDowell drove Alan-a-Dale to a road cart, and the noted horse raced well that season, and bids fair to be a winner again this fall, as his owner will take him up and train him this summer.

Doc Dickerson says neither he nor his brother had anything on Woodson in the future books. He had \$100 laid away to bet through the board that the colt at 100, 40, and 15 to 1, but when he started to place the money he found the odds had been cut and as a result he did not stake a dollar on the race. Luther Dickerson owns the dam of Woodson, which are, now sixteen years old, was bred by the late Pennsylvania Congressman, W. L. Scott. Her dam, Monopoly, is a half-sister to Mona, which noted performer raced so successfully in the colors of Capt. S. S. Brown during his first big turf venture in 1898. Exclusion was bred this year to Imp. Ruskin, owing to the sire of Woodson now being a private stallion at the Kingston stud.

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TAIL-END TEAM HAS HARD TIME

Must Be One, But Nobody Wants It.

WASHINGTON IS MOST PITIED

Even Detroit, in Seventh Place, Sheds a Briny Tear Over Senatorial Conditions.

Woe is the portion of the teams in the rear, and yet in all championship races there must need be tailenders as well as leaders! Only a few seasons ago New York was a chancel house of dead baseball hopes.

The Giants were hopeless trailers, and the American League imagined that all necessary for immediate and overwhelming success would be the planting of the banner of invasion on New York soil and all fandom would rally around the new colors. The National Leaguers, trailers of a few years ago, are now the leaders, New York is baseball mad, and the Polo grounds the scene of record-breaking multitudes.

The Cave Dwellers.

So much for expectation and realization in baseball. Among tallenders of today are Philadelphia, in the National; Washington, in the American; Kansas City, in the American Association; Grand Rapids, in the Central League; Montgomery, in the Southern; and Rochester, in the Eastern League. Before the eyes of all of them the New York transformation is in an inspiring beacon of hope. In every city there is expressed faith in better things to come—all, perhaps, save Washington, where the Senators have been trained to the belief that the bone and gristle is theirs, and theirs only. Washington has carried the banner through many a season near enough to the bandwagon to hand on to the steps.

Dwellers—themselves. In seventh place are the Senators, and the public is just wise enough to follow their lead. The days when the best horses were owned by D. D. Withers, Belmont, the Morrises, and men of their stamp who bred and raced horses for the love of it and not for betting purposes is past. The winners of today are in the hands of men who own them as a business, and the public is just wise enough to follow their lead. The days when the best horses were owned by D. D. Withers, Belmont, the Morrises, and men of their stamp who bred and raced horses for the love of it and not for betting purposes is past. The winners of today are in the hands of men who own them as a business, and the public is just wise enough to follow their lead.

Sympathy, But No Comfort.

Washington's crying shame is that the club has been allowed to go along until it is like a mongrel cur that does not know an owner. Moreover, it is a

Woes of the Bookies Told by One of Them

Foxy Owners Play Good Things, Public Follows Like Herd of Sheep, and Pencil Can't Round Up.

"Bookmaking today," remarked a prominent layer of odds, "is not what it was a few years ago. There was a time when bookmaking could be conducted on a business basis, and where a man could round-up on a race and win a fair percentage no matter which horse won or lost."

For my own part, I have been doing business in the ring for several years, and it has always been on a business basis. I have yet to take my first gambling chance on a race. But trying to round out a book on a race today is about as hard a job as man ever had. That so many of the prominent layers are losers on the season is not a bit surprising.

Bettors Are Owners.

"The reason is obvious. Look around you today and then tell me who are the owners of the best horses in training, the horses that are winning races every day, and, yes, the majority of the big stakes. They are men who are purely betting men, men who back their horses and back them heavily. And the public is just wise enough to follow their lead. The days when the best horses were owned by D. D. Withers, Belmont, the Morrises, and men of their stamp who bred and raced horses for the love of it and not for betting purposes is past. The winners of today are in the hands of men who own them as a business, and the public is just wise enough to follow their lead."

member of a league that is supposed to be operated on the all-men-are-brothers idea.

"With such conditions theoretically existing, the fans on the banks of the Potomac are asked to watch a hopelessly disorganized crowd of cripples, while on the bench of the opposing club they may view idling three or four players who never get into the game and some, at least, of whom are being retained by the said clubs in violation of the league rule—now a dead letter—in regard to number of men that a club may carry. How, with so many promises to Washington broken and with no apparent effort being made to strengthen the club, it is hoped that the situation may ever be better is a mystery."

E. R. Thomas, all of whom are heavy bettors.

"Not that these men are not enthusiastic in their ownership of a good horse for the man that doesn't love a good horse is not a man, but to them a good horse serves a double purpose. They not only win purses and rich stakes, but they can be bet on with a reasonable certainty of cashing."

Only Few Horses Played.

"And there is not one of those I have mentioned that is not watched every time he or his commissioners make a pilgrimage into the betting ring. The placing of a wager is the signal for the public to get aboard, and the result is that instead of getting all of the horses in a race played, the fundamental idea of bookmaking, when the horses go to the post, the bookmaker finds that the play has been largely upon three or four horses. Up to date, the majority of heavily backed horses in such races as I have described have been returned winners."

"And the prospects are that betting men will continue to own the best horses. Take the recent Haggin sale of yearlings. There could be nothing better to demonstrate what I say than this sale. Who were the principal buyers? Men who bet, and bet heavily, on the horses. You hear people criticize bookmakers and talk about the enormous percentage they have the best of the game. I guess when you get right down to it, you will find that year in and year out about the only winners are the owners of the big stables and the racing associations themselves."

DAN PATCH AFTER AMATEUR RECORDS

H. M. Savage, the owner of Dan Patch, 1:56, the world's champion pacer, is to take a sly at the amateur records this year. He has decided to hitch his champion to wagon, and will do the driving himself.

There are few better road horses than the champion. Last winter Mr. Savage drove Dan Patch on the snow, and the champion was just as easy to handle as any of the slower horses.

Dan Patch showed last season that he could pull a wagon in grand style, and as he is in the hands of his old trainer, M. E. McHenry, he should go to the wire in championship form and be capable of doing some fast miles, either to wagon or sulky.

COWBOYS PLAN 1,200 MILE RELAY RACE

Start at Albuquerque, N. M., and Ride to St. Louis Fair—No Cruelty to Animals.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 1.—F. H. Leland, a veteran cavalryman, and a member of General Gomer's staff in Cuba before the Spanish-American war, with William Clossen, a well-known rough rider and broncho tamer, of this section, are organizing a 1,200-mile relay race for cowboys, open to riders in New Mexico, and Arizona, with the starting point in Albuquerque and the finish at the gates of the World's Fair Grounds in St. Louis.

Details of the contest have not yet been completed, but it has been decided to have relays at short distances so as to obviate any charge of cruelty to animals. The purse will be \$1,500, and will be offered by New Mexico stockmen. There are already six entries in the contest, and it is probable that the start will be made during the first week in July. The distance from Albuquerque to St. Louis by rail over the shortest route is 1,150 miles.

SULLIVAN HEADS NEW BOXING CLUB

"Spike" to Manage Organization in Leipzig, Germany, Made Up Entirely of Students.

NEW YORK, July 2.—If plans do not miscarry "Spike" Sullivan is to be at the head of a boxing club in Leipzig, Germany, next winter. The club is known as the Cosmopolitan Boxing Club, and has a large membership at present, made up exclusively of students.

The club was founded and is supported by A. C. Williams, a wealthy Englishman, who is attending the university at Leipzig. Sullivan formed the acquaintance of Williams when he was in England a few years ago. Williams offered the management of the club to Sullivan and Sullivan accepted. He will probably take charge in November.

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50c for extra heavy Linoleum. Regular price, 80c.	\$8.00 for extra size Refrigerator. Regular price, \$14.00.		\$9.50 for fine nickel-plated 3-burner Gas Range. Regular price, \$14.00.	
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